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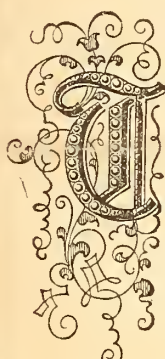
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## CONSTITUTION

—OF—

*Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.*

### ARTICLE I.—NAME.



HIS society shall be called the Grace Reformed Church Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

Its object shall be to promote an earnest Christian life among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintance, and to make them more useful in the service of God.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

1. The members shall consist of three classes, active, associate, and affiliated or honorary.

2. **ACTIVE MEMBERS.** The active members of this society shall consist of all young persons who believe themselves to be Christians, and who sincerely desire to accomplish the objects above specified. Voting powers shall be vested only in the active members.

3. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.** All young persons of worthy character, who are not at present willing to be considered decided Christians, may become associate members of this society. They shall have the special prayers and sympathy of the active members, but shall be excused from taking part in the prayer-meeting. It is expected that all associate members will habitually attend the prayer-meetings, and that they will in time become active members, and the society will work to this end.

4. **AFFILIATED OR HONORARY MEMBERS.** All persons who, though no longer young, are still interested in the society and wish to have some connection with it, though they cannot regularly attend the meetings, may become affiliated members. Their names shall be kept upon the list under the appropriate heading, but shall not be called at the roll-call meeting. It is understood that the society may look to the affiliated members for financial and moral support in all worthy efforts. (For special class of honorary members see Article IX.)

5. These different persons shall become members, upon being elected by the society, after carefully examining the Constitution and upon signing their names to it, thereby pledging themselves to live up to its requirements.

### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

1. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen from among the active members of the society.

2. There shall also be a Lookout Committee, a Prayer-Meeting Committee, a Social Committee, and such other committees as the local needs of each society may require, each consisting of five active members. There shall be an Executive Committee as provided in Article VI.

### ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President of the society shall perform the duties usually pertaining to that office. He shall have especial watch over the interests of the society, and it shall be his care to see that the different committees perform the duties devolving upon them.

2. **VICE-PRESIDENT.** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.

3. **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.** It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep the local society in communication with the United Society and with other local societies, and to present to his own society such matters of interest as may come from the United Society, from other local societies, and from other authorized sources of Christian Endeavor. This office shall be permanent, and the name shall be forwarded to the Society.

4. **RECORDING SECRETARY.** It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the members, and to correct it from time to time, as may be necessary, and to obtain the signature of each newly-elected member to the Constitution; also to correspond with absent members, and inform them of their standing in the society; also to keep correct minutes of all business meetings of the society; also to notify all persons elected to office or to committees, and to do so in writing, if necessary.

5. **TREASURER.** It shall be the duty

of the Treasurer to safely keep all moneys belonging to the society, and to pay out only such sums as shall be voted by the society.

### ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

1. **LOOKOUT COMMITTEE.** It shall be the duty of this committee to bring new members into the society, to introduce them to the work and to the other members, and to affectionately look after and reclaim any that seem indifferent to their duties as outlined in the pledge. This committee shall also by personal investigation, satisfy itself of the fitness of young persons to become members of this society, and shall propose their names at least a week before their election to membership.

2. **PRAYER-MEETING COMMITTEE.** It shall be the duty of this committee to have in charge the prayer-meeting, and to see that a topic is assigned and a leader appointed for every meeting, and to do what it can to secure faithfulness to the prayer-meeting pledge.

3. **SOCIAL COMMITTEE.** It shall be the duty of this committee to promote the social interests of the society by welcoming strangers to the meetings, and by providing for the mutual acquaintance of the members by occasional sociables, for which any appropriate entertainment, of which the church approves, may be provided.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** This committee shall consist of the pastor of the church, the officers of the society, and the chairmen of the various committees. All matters of business requiring debate, shall be brought first before the committee, and by it reported either favorably or adversely to the society. All discussion of proposed measures shall take place before this committee and not before the society. Recommendations concerning the finances of the society shall also originate with this committee.

Each committee except the Executive shall make a report in writing to the society at the monthly business meetings, concerning the work of the past month.

*(Concluded in our April number.)*

The Mission Band will have its annual Penny Gleaning and Concert in the near future. They are coming with barrels this time; *be ready!*



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## OUR EASTER MEETINGS.

Special services will be held at our church during the Easter season. Similar services were held last year during Easter week, and they were found very profitable to the church, as well as helpful in bringing many souls into the kingdom of our Lord. Special efforts will be put forth in the coming meetings in behalf of the young people and children of the church and Sabbath school. It shall be our hope and prayer that during these services many may be led to find the Saviour.

Every member of the church should so arrange his work and business for this week so that he could attend all the meetings, and do his utmost to bring some soul unto Christ. The pastor will need the full cooperation of all the members of the church in this work. It should be the chief delight of everyone to be at these gospel meetings, and also to assist in winning souls to the master.

These services will begin on Palm Sunday, March 30th, and will continue through the week. Services each evening, with a special service on Good Friday at 2:30 p. m., and the communion service on Sabbath morning. Baptismal and confirmation service also on Easter morning. On Easter evening a Missionary service will be held under the management of the Ladies' Society, assisted by other societies of the church. At this meeting an offering will be received for missions.

Let all our offerings on Easter-day be a free and liberal gift unto the Lord.

Let us all with one accord continue in prayer and supplication before God, for a harvest of souls, and for a blessing from above, upon our people during these meetings.

## THE LADIES' NEW ENTERPRISE.

*One Hundred, Five Dollar Shares.*

Instead of holding a bazaar as has been contemplated, the ladies' Society has conceived the idea of raising five or six hundred dollars by voluntary contributions, in "five dollar shares." This project was brought before the church, after the morning services, March 9, and received the unanimous approval of the congregation. Already the ball has been started, and it is the intention to keep it moving on, until

one hundred or more shares are secured. To reach this amount our families will no doubt be willing to do their utmost, many of them taking two and three shares, some possibly more, while others may take less, according as they are able. As far as the canvass has been made the work has been going on nobly. Grace Church does things, not by halves, and we bespeak nothing but a grand triumph for the ladies in this project.

The subscriptions are made payable by October 1st, 1899. The object in view is to raise a sufficient amount of money to liquidate the indebtedness upon the parsonage lot, which has already been reduced to some less than \$600, including principal and interest. When this indebtedness is canceled, the church is then ready, and will at once begin to accumulate funds for the erection of the main church edifice. The church has been doing so well in its past history, that we feel certain of its future, and are assured that in a few years the main structure of the building of the church shall be erected. We shall be glad to report in a later issue the names of all who take \$5.00 shares.

While the pastor was holding meeting meetings at the Salem's Church, he visited the home of Michael Kistler, the great honey producer of Allen Co. Mr. Kistler is one of the most successful men in this business in the country. He has for many years made the industrious little bee a subject of careful study. It was a matter of much interest to us, to hear him talk of the habits and untiring industry of this little worker, that sips the sweets from the cups of clover and other blossoms. He assured us that in many colonies there were oftentimes as many as fifty thousand bees, and all under the rule of one queen, and living together in perfect peace and harmony. Where is the colony of men, or even of church members, numbering only one hundred, that enjoys such unity and peace.

Mr. Kistler has over one hundred colonies of bees at present, and all are doing well. We can also vouch for the fine quality of honey that is produced in this apiary. Our table has been supplied for some time past with the delicious sweets from these quarters. Mr. Kistler appreciates a pastor's visit to his home of which we were assured by a kind reception, as also by a liberal supply of honey. Persons wanting a good quality of this article will always find it with this gentleman.

Spring is here. Sunday "aches and isms" will soon subside.

## SALEM REFORMED CHURCH.

During the last week of February and the first week of March, special services were held with the people of the Salem's Church. The first week of these meetings the attendance was not so large, owing to the bad roads and the continuous rains. We have no recollection of ever attempting to hold a meeting when the weather was so unfavorable. During the last week of the services the roads were in a better condition, and the evenings were pleasant, and the attendance was quite large. We feel confident these services were not held in vain. While there were not so many accessions to the church, the community was benefitted, and the church greatly profited. We felt indisposed to close these meetings when we did, for it seemed to us that the Lord was just beginning to pour out His blessing upon this church. When the meetings opened, the church was scarcely prepared for the work which was before it. It took most of our time to prepare the church itself for a revival. This is however commonly the condition in which we find churches. The people are not ready for a harvest. The churches grow indifferent, and many times become divided. Some petty little difficulties arise and then the minds of the people become diverted from the work of the Lord, and the time is lost in wrangling over nothing, while souls are left unsaved, and the wolf is allowed to do his mischievous work among the flock. In a revival the first work to be done is always in the church. When the people of God are once alive and aglow with the love of God. Then the unsaved will be influenced and led to God.

We feel that among the people of the Salem's Church the Holy Spirit has been at work, and a fire has been kindled anew upon the altar of this church. We hope to see the congregation united in the bonds of love and Christian fellowship. With this accomplished, what a great work there is before this church. The harvest is plenteous, and we believe is ripe for the reapers. We intend to give some special attention to this church as we shall have opportunity, for some time to come, and by the united effort of the people, we hope to see many others brought unto the Lord. Every family in this community should be in some church, and to this end the people of this church should labor diligently.

During the meetings held at the Salem's church the pastor visited many of the families in that community and was kindly received everywhere.



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### SERVICES.

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Sunday School, - - - - - 9:30  
Teachers' meeting Sabbath evening - - 6:30  
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### BRIEF AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Easter, April 6th.

Have you subscribed for THE VISITOR?

Fred Cook is lying sick at the St. Joseph hospital.

Quarterly communion on Easter Sunday. Services the week preceding.

The Society of Christian Endeavor is growing in membership and interest.

The St. John and Salem Reformed churches in the city will have interesting Easter services.

Rosa, daughter of Mrs. Thompson on Charles street, is quite ill. They have the prayers and sympathy of the church.

We have already a number of applications for church membership on Easter, and we hope there will be many more who will come into the church at that time.

Elder E. G. Pierce attended the graduating exercises of the Dental College at St. Louis recently. Harry Pierce completed his course of study at this college, and will now locate for himself.

As soon as the weather becomes more favorable, the men of the church will be invited to an afternoon job of grading on the church premises. Cannot some of our country people bring us two or three loads of sod?

On the evening of February 18th Melvin Lackey and Emma Kepler were united in marriage at the parsonage. These young friends have the best wishes of the pastor and the entire church. They have taken up their

residence at 414 Hanna st. Go and see them in their new home.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has by a unanimous vote resolved to give us their special assistance during our Easter meetings. We hope they may bring many of their young friends into the church.

Palm Sunday, March 30, will be Children's Day. In the morning the pastor will preach on the topic, "The Children in the Temple." In the evening he will speak to the young people and children on the topic, "Early Seekers." Let the church be crowded with children and young people at these services.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Horn have returned to the city to remain with us. We are glad to welcome them again in our midst, and are rejoiced to see them at our services. They have a warm attachment for Grace Church, and we are certain the church has also for them. They are living at 292 High street, Bloomingdale. They will be glad to see you at their home.

At a recent meeting of the consistory, a number of names were erased from the church record. These persons have been willfully neglecting to attend to their church duties, such as attendance upon divine service and contributing to the support of the church. We hope the consistory will not be necessitated to erase any other names.

The pastor on a recent Sabbath preached a sermon on the topic "Satan the Hinderer." This Old Dragon is a powerful hinderer to some churches in their work, and unfortunately so, many times in the person of some church member. He is the hinderer to many persons in their Christian growth. He hinders some people from church attendance. He distresses them on Sunday with all manner of imaginary "aches" and "isms". He hinders some from coming into the church by filling their hearts with lying excuses.

The ladies of Grace Church are making arrangements to give an orange social in the near future, possibly the week after Easter. Every effort will be made to make this social of special interest. A sumptuous supper will be served. Articles prepared by the ladies' society and Mission Band will be for sale. Mrs. Vordermark will furnish some of her delicious home-made candy, which will be sold by members of the Mission Band. We are not yet prepared to make a full announcement of this anticipated social event of Grace Church. More will be said of it hereafter.

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## PROGRAMME

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Thoughts, Prayer or Scripture Verses.  
Roll Call, Reading of Minutes, Application and Reception of Members,  
Miscellaneous Business.

TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR APRIL.

April 1.—Turning away from evil.  
Ezek. xxxiii, 10-20. Rev. A. K. Zartman.

April 8.—Looking unto Jesus. Heb. xii, 1-2; John i, 29-36. Lillie Vordermark.

April 15.—How can we help the troubled? Gal. vi, 1-5. Rom. xv, 1-3. Lillie Walters.

April 22.—What more can we do for our church? I Cor. xii, 27-31. Ed Miller.

April 29.—Consecration meeting—  
The best gift. Isa iv, 1-13. Katie Vordermark.

## COME AND WELCOME,

## EASTER SERVICES.

PALM SUNDAY—CHILDREN'S DAY.

Morning sermon—"The Children in the Temple."  
Evening Sermon—"The Early Seekers."  
Services each evening during the week, at 7:30.

## EASTER SABBATH.

Morning, Service—Baptism, Reception of Members, Communion.

Evening service, 7:30.....Missionary Meeting.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will give the pastor special assistance in these meetings.

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